Review of the Constitution

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Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of experts to review the working of the Indian Constitution has been constituted; if so, its composition and terms and conditions;

(b) what are the specific areas which have been considered necessary for the review; and

(c) whether this exercise is an onslaught on the wisdom and prudence of the Constitution framers who drafted after great thought and deliberations and with altruistic objectives?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution composing of a Chairperson and 10 Members has been constituted by the Government Resolution dated February 22, 2000 which shall examine in the light of the experience of the past 50 years, as to how best the Constitution can respond to the changing needs of efficient, smooth and effective system of governance and socio-economic development of modern India within the framework of Parliamentary democracy and to recommend changes, if any, that are required in the provisions of the Constitution without interfering with its basic structure or features.

(c) No, Sir.